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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL BEGINS CONSULTATIONS
WITH INTERNAL GROUPS

1. ACCORDING TO AFTERNOON PRESS REPORTS TODAY, APRIL 4,
ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL STEYN HAS BEGUN MEETING WITH INTERNAL
GROUPS TO LEARN THEIR REACTIONS TO THE WESTERN PROPOSALS.
THE ARGUS REPORTED THAT STEYN WILL SEE AKTUR AND
THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY TODAY, AND MEET
TOMORROW WITH THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE ALLIANCE, THE
NAMIBIA NATIONAL FRONT, AND THE INTERESSENGEMEINSCHAFT.

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2. AN OFFICIAL IN STEYN'S OFFICE TOLD US PRIVATELY
THAT THE ARGUS REPORT WAS "PREMATURE", SINCE MANY
OF THE APPOINTMENTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE. HE
CONFIRMED THAT THE A-G WOULD SEE AKTTUR TODAY, BUT
SAID THAT AS YET THERE ARE NO APPOINTMENTS WITH THE
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY NOR SOME OF THE OTHER
GROUPS. HE ADDED THAT FIFTEEN SEPARATE CHURCH GROUPS

HAD REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS, SEVERAL OF WHICH HAD ALREADY
TAKEN PLACE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 1. THE OFFICIAL SAID HE DID
NOT KNOW HOW LONG THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION WOULD
TAKE, BUT THAT IT WAS NOT LIKELY TO BE COMPLETED FOR
SEVERAL DAYS.

3. MEANWHILE, UNDER BANNER HEADLINES "BOTHAS HITS AT
CARTER", THE ARGUS OF APRIL 4 REPORTED FOREIGN MINISTER
PIK BOTHAS AS SAYING IN REPLY TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPORTED
MONROVIA WARNING TO SOUTH AFRICA NOT TO REJECT THE WESTERN
INITIATIVE AND PROCEED UNILATERALLY ON NAMIBIA: "I AM SURPRISED
AT THE PRESIDENT'S (CARTER'S) REMARKS, TO SAY THE LEAST...
IF HE IS CORRECTLY REPORTED IT SURPRISES ME THAT
PRESIDENT CARTER OF ALL PEOPLE DOES NOT KNOW IT IS
NOT THE SOUTHAFRICAN GOVERNMENT WHICH TAKES DECISIONS
ON ITS OWN REGARDING SWA".
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